DECLASSIFIED

SUNDAY
JUNE 27, 1954

Tommy called me at 8:00 o'clock this morning to say there was an action cable from the Department on that part of the proposed U.S.-U.K. communiqué relating to EDC. Tommy and Art Hartman came around to the house and we commented on the language contained in it as follows:

R

"SENT: SECSTATE WASHINGTON. COLED 295. NIACT.

"RPTD: HICOG BONN 969.
AMEMBASSY LONDON 1235.

"Re DEPTEL 4842.

"Realize difficulties in obtaining strong language acceptable to British in communiqué on EDC. However, frankly believe that proposed text is unnecessarily weak and even confusing and would undermine if not explode program undertaken by Spaak to influence French ratification EDC.

"As to last paragraph, its adoption would in my opinion be almost catastrophic. First, language that 'early solution must be found to these programs in close consultation with French Government' will be interpreted as a rebuke to BENELUX and Fedrep for intention to meet alone under Article 132. Also no language should be used which suggests that there should be further talks with French before their Assembly acts. Unless US, UK, Benelux and Fedrep are specific in warning that France cannot impose on partners her unilateral decision on German reammament, French opponents of EDC will continue believe they can successfully reopen negotiations on entire question. I therefore urge this paragraph be dropped.

"Suggest third sentence of first paragraph be redrafted to read: 'They remain convinced that the ratifications of the present text EDC and Bonn Treaties must be completed in order to achieve these goals.'

"I also suggest that paragraph two be rewritten to read as follows: 'They also recall that the EDC Treaty has been definitely ratified by 11 of the 13 signatory nations, after extensive discussions, presentations and debates, lasting over a

DECLASSIFIED

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY CEC DATE 7-1-81
or XDS EXT. DATE
TS AUTH. REASON(S)
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐
DECLASSIFIED ☑ RELEASABLE ☑
RELEASE DENIED ☐
FA or FOI EXEMPTIONS

DECLASSIFIED

period of more than two years. It is understandable that these nations cannot now disregard their previous legislative approvals and consider reopening these complex questions.'

"No suggestion on Para 3.

"I suggest a fourth paragraph as follows: 'Meanwhile the President and the Prime Minister wish to reaffirm that the French inspired program for European unity (of which the EDC is only one element) so promising to peace and prosperity in Europe, continues to have their firm and enthusiastic support.' BRUCE."

From communications received here it is impossible to estimate how the Churchill-Eisenhower conversations in Washington are going.

André de Staercke arrived at the house while Tomlinson and Hartman were still there and we had a long talk with him about the tactics which Mr. Spaak may now pursue. André is going to Brussels this afternoon. Meanwhile, Mendès-France has asked Spaak to come to Paris on Wednesday and the invitation has been accepted.

It was also announced this morning that Mendès was sending Guérin de Beaumont and Alexandre Parodi, or at least one of them, to see Adenauer next week in Bonn. It would appear the French are anxious to keep the four signatory powers from reaching a joint resolution designed to block the French from achieving a compromise on the present EDC Treaty language. Obviously if such a compromise were agreed upon in France it would entail further months of delay in any action on a German militar contribution.

Marthe de Fels, Bill and Peggy Burden, Audrey and myself lunched at Versailles. I had previously stopped to see David at the hospital and found him in fine spirits. His mother had spent the night there and said he had not been too uncomfortable.

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

Marthe de Fels said she had heard I[redacted] saved her chateau Voisin during the war, and I told her the story. She says they are alarmed over the prospects for the partridge season, for the young chicks are dying in great numbers from some sort of strangulation disease.

E. came down to Versailles late this afternoon and we spent the night there.

DECLASSIFIED